

Margaret Fisher, during her life, the annual interest of the balance remaining due on said bond after payment of the said £. 1500, and to her children, the principal to be equally divided between them at her death. Our object is to compensate the woman for her relinquishment of her dower, but we cannot admit the principle, that securities who are solvent are to be relieved.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

Which was read.

The resolution in favour of William Needham, endorsed; "By the senate, November 28, 1791: "Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

"By the senate, December 8, 1791: Read the second time and assented to.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

The additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of certain purchasers of confiscated property, the bill to empower the trustees of James Scott to execute and acknowledge the conveyance therein mentioned, the bill for valuing the lot of ground in Upper-Marlborough, in Prince-George's county, on which the inspection-house stands, and for paying the proprietor the value thereof, severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 6, 1791: Read the first time and ordered to lie "on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

"By the senate, December 9, 1791: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

The bill to authorize John Wilson, son of George, of Kent county, to erect a mill-dam, and to appoint commissioners to lay out a road at the places therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, "December 6, 1791: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

"By the senate, December 9, 1791: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

The bill to enable Martha Howard, executrix of Benjamin Howard, late collector of the public taxes for one of the districts of Anne-Arundel county, and late sheriff of said county, and executrix of Joseph Howard, her late husband, one of the securities of the said Benjamin Howard, to collect the balances due to him as collector and sheriff as aforesaid, endorsed; "By the senate, December "6, 1791: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

"By the senate, December 9, 1791: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendment.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

Amendment proposed. In the interlineation between the first and second lines of the 2d page, strike out "November," and insert "March."

Which was read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. And the following message and resolution:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 9, 1791.

GENTLEMEN,

THERE is reason to believe that there were very great abuses practised under the former acts for paying depreciation to officers and soldiers, and we are apprehensive the resolution of the 30th of last month will open a door to like frauds. We understand, that in many cases persons of no kin to deceased persons, and having no real claims on them, have administered on their estates merely to draw their certificates. We have framed a resolution to guard as much as possible against such abuses in future.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 9, 1791.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer shall not pay any of the certificates granted, or to be granted, under the resolution of the 30th of November, 1791, respecting depreciation of pay, without the order of the governor and council, any thing in the said resolution to the contrary notwithstanding; and that the governor and council be requested to examine any person applying for the said certificates, and to give orders in favour of all persons appearing to be fairly entitled to the same, but to suffer none to issue without the clearest proof that the applicant is the person entitled to the same in his own right, by being next of kin, or a real, not a pretended, creditor, administering on the estate of a deceased person.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

Which were read.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

S A T U R D A Y, December 10, 1791.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. S. Smith, Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Ridgely and Mr. Pinkney. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill concerning the territory of Columbia, and city of Washington, and the bill for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, were sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Thomas and Mr. Goldsborough appeared in the house. Mr. Turner has leave of absence.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county and town, respecting a road leading to Windsor mills, was preferred, read, and referred to the next session of assembly.

The report on the petition of John Hanson, and Sarah Hanson, relict of Walter Hanson, deceased, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Determined in the negative.